Fran. Faireſt *Cordelia*, that art moſt rich being poore,
Moſt choiſe forſaken, and moſt loued deſpis'd,
Thee and thy vertues heere I ſeize vpon,
Be it lawfull I take vp what's caſt away.
Gods, Gods! tis ſtrange, that from their cold'ſt neglect,
My loue ſhould kindle to enflam'd reſpect,
Thy dowreleſſe daughter King, throwne to thy chance,
Is Queene of vs, of ours, and our faire *France*:
Not all the Dukes in watriſh *Burgundy*,
Shall buy this vnpriz'd precious maid of me.
Bid them farwell *Cordelia*, though vnkinde
Thou loſeſt heere, a better where to finde.
Lear. Thou haſt her *France*, let her be thine,
For we haue no ſuch daughter, nor ſhall euer ſee
That face of hers againe, therefore be gone, (*gundy.*
Without our grace, our loue, our benizon: come noble *Bur-*

Exit Lear and Burgundy.

Fran. Bid farwell to your ſiſters.
Cord. The Iewels of our Father,
With waſht eyes *Cordelia* leaues you, I know you what you are,
And like a ſiſter am moſt loth to call your faults
As they are named, vſe well our Father,
To your profeſſed boſomes I commit him,
But yet alaſſe, ſtood I within his grace,
I would preferre him to a better place;
So farwell to you both.
Gonorill. Preſcribe not vs our duties.
Regan. Let your ſtudy be to content your Lord,
Who hath receiu'd you at Fortunes almes,
You haue obedience ſcanted,
And well are worth the worth that you haue wanted.
Cord. Time ſhall vnfold what pleated cunning hides,
Who couers faults, at laſt ſhame them derides:
Well may you proſper.
Fran. Come faire *Cordelia.* *Exit France and Cord.*
Gon. Siſter, it is not a little I haue to ſay,
Of what moſt neerely appertaines to vs both,

I thinke our father will hence to night.
Reg. That's moſt certaine, and with you, next
Gon. You ſee how full of changes his age is,
we haue made of it hath not beene little; he alw
ſiſter moſt, and with what poore iudgement he
her off, appeares too groſſe.
Reg. Tis the infirmity of his age, yet he hat
derly knowne himſelfe.
Gono. The beſt and ſoundeſt of his time ha
then muſt we looke to receiue frō his age, not a
fection of long ingrafted condition, but therwi
wardnes, that infirme and cholericke yeares bri
Reg. Such vnconſtant ſtars are we like to hau
this of *Kents* baniſhment.
Gono. There is further complement of leaue
France and him, pray lets hit together, if our Fa
rity with ſuch diſpoſitions as he beares, this l
his will but offend vs.
Regan. We ſhall further thinke on't.
Gon. We muſt do ſomething, and it'h heate.

Enter Baſtard ſolus.

Baſt. Thou Nature art my Goddeſſe, to thy
are bound, wherefore ſhould I ſtand in the pla
and permit the curioſity of Nations to depriue
ſome 12. or 14. moone-ſhines lag of a brothe
wherefore baſe, when my dementions are as w
minde as generous, & my ſhape as true as hone
why brand they vs with baſe, baſe baſtardy?
ſtealth of nature, take more compoſition and fi
doth within a ſtale dull lied bed, goe to the cre
tribe of fops got tweene ſleepe and wake; we
Edgar, I muſt haue your land, our Fathers loue
Edmund, as to the legitimate: well my legitim
ſpeed, and my inuention thriue, *Edmund* the ba
gitimate: I grow, I proſper, now Gods ſtand v

Enter Gloceſter.

Gloſt. *Kent* baniſht thus, and *France* in ch